

STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in the Gannochy Suite, Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Wednesday 11 February 2015 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors I Miller, A Grant, B Band, P Barrett, I Campbell, D Cuthbert, D Doogan, Provost L Grant, Councillors J Kellas, A MacLellan, D Pover, M Roberts, A Stewart, B Vaughan, W Wilson and A Younger.

In Attendance: B Malone, Chief Executive; J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); J Valentine, Executive Director (Environment); J Walker, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); L Carson, J Clark, K Donaldson, A Heath, I Innes, C Irons, H Rheinallt, J Symon, G Taylor and S Walker (all Chief Executive's Service); K McNamara, (the Environment Service); N Copland (Housing and Community Care).

Councillor I Miller, Convener, Presiding.

81. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting and no apologies were noted.

82. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

83. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(i) Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

The minute of meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 3 December 2014 (Arts.778-786) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(ii) Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Consultative Committee

The minute of meeting of the Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Consultative Committee of 15 September 2014 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix I*)

(iii) Appeal Sub-Committee

The minute of meetings of the Appeal Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 24 July, 3 and 28 October, and 3 and 12 November 2014, and the minute of the meeting of 9 December 2014 were submitted and noted. (*Appendix II*)

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84. REVENUE BUDGET 2014/2015 – MONITORING REPORT NUMBER 3 (Art. 781/14)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (15/34) providing an update (1) on progress with the 2014/2015 General Fund Revenue Budget based upon the November 2014 ledger; and (2) on the projected financial position of the Housing Revenue Account.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 15/34 be noted.
- (ii) The adjustments to the 2014/15 Management Revenue Budget, detailed in Appendix 1 to and Section 2 of Report 15/34, be approved.
- (iii) The adjustments to the 2015/16 Provisional Revenue Budget, set out in Paragraphs 3.4 to 3.5 of Report 15/34, be approved.
- (iv) The service virements, summarised in Appendices 2 and 3 to Report 15/34, be approved.

85. COMPOSITE CAPITAL BUDGET 2014/21 AND HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2014/19 – MONITORING REPORT NUMBER 3 (Art. 782/14)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (15/35) (1) providing a summary position to date for the Composite Capital Programme for 2014/15 to 2020/21 and the Housing Investment Programme 2014/15 to 2018/19; and (2) seeking approval for adjustments to the Programmes.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 15/35 be noted.
- (ii) The proposed budget adjustments to the seven year Composite Capital Budget 2014/15 to 2020/21 set out in Sections 2 and 3 of Report 15/35 and summarised in Appendices I and II, be approved.
- (iii) The proposed budget and monitoring adjustments to the five year Housing Investment Programme Budget 2014/15 to 2018/19, set out in Section 4 of Report 15/35 and summarised in Appendix III, be approved.
- (iv) The Renewal and Repair Fund budget 2014/15, as set out in Section 5 of and summarised in Appendix IV to Report 15/35, be approved.

86. COUNTER-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION STRATEGY

There was submitted a joint report by the Head of Legal Services and Head of Finance (15/66) providing an updated strategy for managing the threat to the Council from fraud, corruption and other illegal acts.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 15/66 be noted.
- (ii) The Counter-Fraud and Corruption Strategy, as attached at Appendix A to Report 15/66, be approved.
- (iii) The Anti-Bribery Policy, as attached at Appendix B to Report 15/66, be approved.
- (iv) The Anti-Money Laundering Policy, as attached at Appendix C to Report 15/66, be approved.

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- (v) The Whistle-Blowing Policy, as attached at Appendix D to Report 15/66, be approved.
- (vi) Report 15/66 be referred to the Audit Committee for its interest.
- (vii) The Chief Internal Auditor be instructed to submit a further Report to the Audit Committee within six months setting out how the Strategy and related policies are being implemented.

87. SITE OF FORMER SOCIAL CLUB, CHARLES STREET, PERTH – FUTURE USE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (15/67) seeking authority to fund an extension to the existing car park on Charles Street, Perth to include the site formerly occupied by Kinnoull Junior FC Social Club.

Resolved:

The use of £70,000 from the car park reserves, to create additional car park spaces at Charles Street, Perth, be approved.

88. HARMONISATION OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Human Resources Manager (15/68) (1) seeking to harmonise local arrangements for chief officials with those of single status employees following a revision of the National Scheme for Chief Officials in 2014, and (2) updating policy provisions for the Chief Executive in line with changes to the National Scheme for Chief Officials.

Resolved:

- (i) Local provisions for Chief Officials be harmonised in line with the National Scheme for Chief Officials as detailed in Report 15/68.
- (ii) Grievance, capability and discipline policies be updated for the post of Chief Executive in line with changes in the National Scheme.
- (iii) Consultation continue with the Craft Trade Unions with a view to achieving harmonisation on annual and other leave provisions across all employee groups.

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